

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 5, 12-18, 21 and 25 are amended. New claims 45-50 are added. No new matter has been added. Claims 29-44 are canceled, if not already canceled in the previous response. Claims 1-28 and 45-50 are pending.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney to answer any questions or to discuss steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

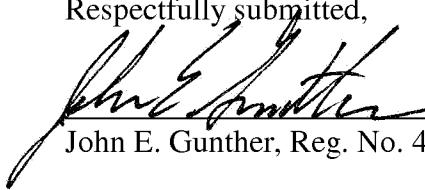
Disclaimers Relating to Claim Interpretation and Prosecution History Estoppel

Claims and have been amended, and claims have been canceled, notwithstanding the belief that these claims were allowable. Except as specifically admitted below, no claim elements have been narrowed. Rather, cosmetic amendments have been made to the claims and to broaden them in view of the cited art. Claims 1, 4, 5, 12-18, 21 and 25 have been amended solely for the purpose of expediting the patent application process, and the amendments were not necessary for patentability.

Any reference herein to “the invention” is intended to refer to the specific claim or claims being addressed herein. The claims of this application are intended to stand on their own and are not to be read in light of the prosecution history of any related or unrelated patent or patent application. Furthermore, no arguments in any prosecution history relate to any claim in this application, except for arguments specifically directed to the claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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